Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" குறிப்பிட்ட ஒரு தினத்தில் திருவள்ளுவர் தினத்தைக் கொண்டாடவேண்டுமென்று குறிப்பிடாததினால், திருவள்ளுவர் எப்பொழுது பிறந்தார், எப்பொழுது இறநதார் என்பதை ஆராயச்சி செய் வதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஒரு கமிட்டியை ஏற்படுதத உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறதா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is already enough research and enough confusion on the subject."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what the object in celebrating and observing this day is? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" He is a great poet. This day is celebrated or observed so that sufficient enthusiasm may be created among the people for the study of Thiruvalluvar's works."

Sri C. KANDASAMY :—" இம்மாதிரி இதர பெரும் புலவர்களுடைய பிறந்த தினத்தைக் கொண்டாடுவதறகு சர்க்கார் அனுமதித்திருக்கிறதா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In my humble view. there is no other equally great poet."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. the Minister for Education aware of the fact that there is an era commencing from ' Thiruvalluvar Andu '? If so, may I know why the first day of this ' Andu ' be not chosen for the celebration of the ' Thiruvalluvar Day '? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It may not be very convenient to follow the same day for all the schools."

Dispute between the management and the workers of the R.V.G. Beedi Factory, Palghat, Malabar.

* 1098 *Q.*—Sri R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recently received any memorandum regarding the dispute between the management and the workers of the R.V.G. Beedi Factory, Palghat, Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The dispute has been referred to the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore, for adjudication."

Sri R. KRISHNAN :—" It is more than one year since the dispute has arisen and the Labour department is postponing its decision in the matter. As such an attitude on the part of the department will only disappoint the workers, may I know whether the Government will expedite the matter and take action to afford proper protection to the workers? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, a memorandum was received from the Union concerned and from certain hon. Members of this Assembly in December. Then

conciliation was tried and when conciliation failed, by Government Order, dated 21st May 1954, the dispute was referred for adjudication.''

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—'' Have the Government any idea whether the Industrial Tribunal has set about moving in this matter at all? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' We have no such idea. We do presume that the Tribunal has been attending to this matter.''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' Ordinarily, is there any time-limit within which a Tribunal is expected to dispose of a dispute that is referred to it? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I do not think there is any time-limit fixed as such.''

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—'' Will the Government see that replies are sent to those who have made representations to them as to the action taken by the Government? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I shall look into the matter.''

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—'' In view of the inordinate dilatoriness which we find attending these Industrial Tribunal proceedings, may I know whether the Government will call for periodical reports, say, once in a month or once in two months as to the progress made by them? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The Government have been receiving such reports.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' May I know what is the subject-matter of reference to adjudication? What is the nature of dispute? Also, what is the position of the workers now? Is the factory working now or not? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I would like to have notice for answering all these questions.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' அவ்வப்போது இது சம்பந்தமாக ரிப்போர்ட் வருகிறது என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறினார். சாதாரணமாக ஒரு தொழில் தகராறு ஏற்பட்டால் அதைத் தீர்த்துவைப்பதற்கு இந்த முறையில் எத்தனை மாதங்கள் அல்லது எத்தனை வருஷங்கள் ஆய்விடுகின்றன என்பதைப்பற்றி கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் ஏதாவது சொல்ல முடியுமா? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I do not know what the hon. Leader of the Opposition means by சாதாரணமாக and how I can give an answer to it. If he wants me to give the average period, I could calculate and give it to him.''